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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Curtis E. Powell, 25, was sentenced on Friday, February 29, 2008, by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 126 months in prison for possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute in Adams County.

Powell's co-defendant, Kingston Robertson, was sentenced to 112 months of imprisonment on January 2, 2008, for possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute in Juneau County. Powell and Robertson, both from Madison, had distributed crack cocaine together in Juneau and Adams Counties during the summer of 2006.

Judge Crabb stated that she imposed Powell's high sentence in light of the quantity of crack cocaine involved in the offense and because Powell possessed a firearm.

United States Attorney Peterson stated that the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force and by the Adams and Juneau County Sheriffs' Departments. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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